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## CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

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APPENDIX A

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE OCTOBER 5, 1983

FULL NAME CURTIS WILLIAM WHITON SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER UNKNOWN  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

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Signed *Herald Schumacher*  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
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SUBJECT: Curtis Whiton

All three letters were basically worded the same to the effect that due to personal reasons, Curt resigned from the Pack, Troop & OA immediately.


After eating supper in the camp dining hall on Friday evening, I went to the island at the main parking lot and waited for Curt to arrive. He arrived at approximately 6:55 P.M. I asked him to come into the explorer cabin with me as there was something I wanted to talk to him about. We sat at the table in the cabin and I handed him all three letters and a pen and told him I'd like him to read them and sign them. I thought at first that he was going to sign them with no comment but then, after looking at them for a good five minutes he stated that if he signed them he would be completely out of Scouting. I advised him that he was correct. (Might add that when I originally asked him to read and sign them that I mentioned that some of his Webelos had been talking about what had been going on at ~~his apartment~~ his apartment. After making his statement about being entirely out of scouting, he asked me what the webelos had said, I said that they mentioned his showing pornographic films and other things and that I really didn't want to talk about it. Well he hemmed and hawed for an awful long time, he claimed that some of the Scouts didn't like him and were spreading stories, ditto for the webelos. Told him that at this point it really didn't matter whether it was ~~true~~ true or not because he had lost his effectiveness as a Scout leader at that it would be best for the BSA if he ~~just~~ just quietly resigned. Advised him that he could tell people whatever he liked as I would not be going around telling everyone why. Then asked me if he could take them home and think about it. Told him no, if he was going to sign to sign now - if he didn't sign then matter would be turned over to Troop and Pack Committees and parents of the boys. But the bottom line would be the same, he was out of the ~~Boy~~ Boy Scouts of America. He signed.

Presented the letters of resignations to the various parties without comment.

I have since, heard a great deal about what was happening at Mr. Whiton's apartment none of which has a place in this account since it was related to me after Mr. Whiton resigned. I would however like to state that there appears to me no doubt as to the fact that we (the Boy Scouts of America) handled this affair in an appropriate matter.

If you wish additional information I suggest that you contact Mr. Gene Galley, SM 109 and Mrs. Sam Garn, MC ~~Room~~ P157.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Vincent T. Farrell  
District Commissioner  
In-Gaig-Ga District  
Firelands Area Council, BSA.

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DATE: 29 JULY 1983

TO: , NOTAWACY #205 LODGE LAY ADVISOR .

FROM: CURT WHITON

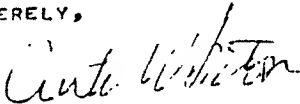
SUBJECT: RESIGNATION

DEAR JIM:

IT IS WITH GREAT REGRET THAT I HEREBY TENDER MY RESIGNATION AS CEREMONIAL TEAM  
ADVISOR OF NOTAWACY LODGE #205 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. AS MUCH AS I WOULD LIKE  
TO CONTINUE MY ASSOCIATION WITH THE LODGE, I FIND IT NECESSARY TO RESIGN  
IMMEDIATELY DUE TO PERSONAL REASONS.

THANK YOU.

SINCERELY,



CURT WHITON

*Recd from  
Jim Rumboldt  
8/6/83*

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# Cub leader had sex with boys: Police

By TOM FORD  
C-T Staff Writer

ELYRIA — A 33-year old former Cub Scout den leader was jailed today after being accused of raping "a number" of boys in Elyria and Amherst over a period of two or more years, police said.

In Lorain County jail on \$150,000 bond is Curtis William Whiton, of 766 Tenney Ave., Amherst. He is charged with two counts of rape, three counts of disseminating obscene materials, two counts of gross sexual imposition and importuning.

Capt. Roger Griffith said Whiton was arrested while he attended a class at Lorain County Community College Monday morning. The arrest followed an investigation of complaints Aug. 6 by two Elyria area mothers who said Whiton had "engaged in illegal sexual conduct" with their sons.

Griffith said the alleged sexual abuses happened to some members of Whiton's Elyria Cub Scout den over a two year period. He said Whiton was no longer associated with the Cub Scouts.

GARY LEHMAN, executive of the Firelands Council of the Boy Scouts of America said Whiton was dismissed as a den leader July 29, eight days before the charges were filed. Lehman said Whiton was dismissed by Vincent Farrell, district commissioner, after a letter outlining Whiton's rumored acts had been written by local scouting officials.

Lehman said it was his understanding that the activities had occurred in Whiton's home.



CURTIS W. WHITON

...led Elyria pack  
('68 yearbook photo)

Griffith said in some of the cases, investigators found some of the boys had been taken to Whiton's home in Amherst.

Police, armed with a search warrant Monday confiscated a projector and "pornographic materials," including magazines and other printed materials, at Whiton's home.

Griffith said the rape charges indicated that the boys were forced to submit to sexual advances. He would not say how many boys had allegedly been involved in the incidents.

He said the boys were aged 8-12 and were members of Whiton's den.

THE INVESTIGATION was conducted by both the Elyria and Amherst Police Departments.

Ptl. Robert Brandt of the Elyria Police Youth Bureau said some of the parents of the children involved had been advised to take their sons to the Nord Center for counseling, but

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# Ex-Scout leader charged in sex crimes

By Julie Klein  
Journal Staff Writer

ELYRIA — A former Cub Scout den leader was charged with various sex offenses involving Cub Scouts between the ages of 8 and 12 who were part of his pack, said Elyria and Amherst police officials today.

Curtis William Whiton, 33, of 766 Tenney Ave., Amherst, was arraigned this morning in Elyria Municipal Court for two counts of rape, three counts of disseminating obscene material to juveniles, two counts of gross sexual imposition, and one count

of soliciting.

He is being held in Lorain County Jail in lieu of \$150,000 cash bond.

Elyria Police Capt. Roger Griffith declined to say how many boys were actually involved, but he said there were more than two Cub Scouts. Police said they discovered during the investigation that the sex offenses have been going on for at least two years.

Whiton recently resigned as a Cub Scout den leader. The identity of his scouting unit has not been released by police.

Griffith said the investigation is continuing. Assistant Lorain County Prosecutor Jonathan Rosenbaum said the case will be sent to the Lorain County Grand Jury.

Griffith said the Whiton investigation started Aug. 6 when two of the Cub Scouts' mothers called police.

Police would not say where the offenses occurred, but they did say Elyria and Amherst were the main locations. Elyria Det. Robert Brandal said, "Most of the kids were from Elyria, but

they were taken to Amherst." Brandal is in charge of the Elyria Youth Bureau and is working on the investigation with Amherst Police Sgt. Ronnie Dillon.

Police have recommended that the boys seek counseling. "We would refer everyone we have interviewed to the Nord Center for counseling," Brandal said.

Police confiscated a movie projector and pornographic materials including magazines and films yesterday from Whiton's home.

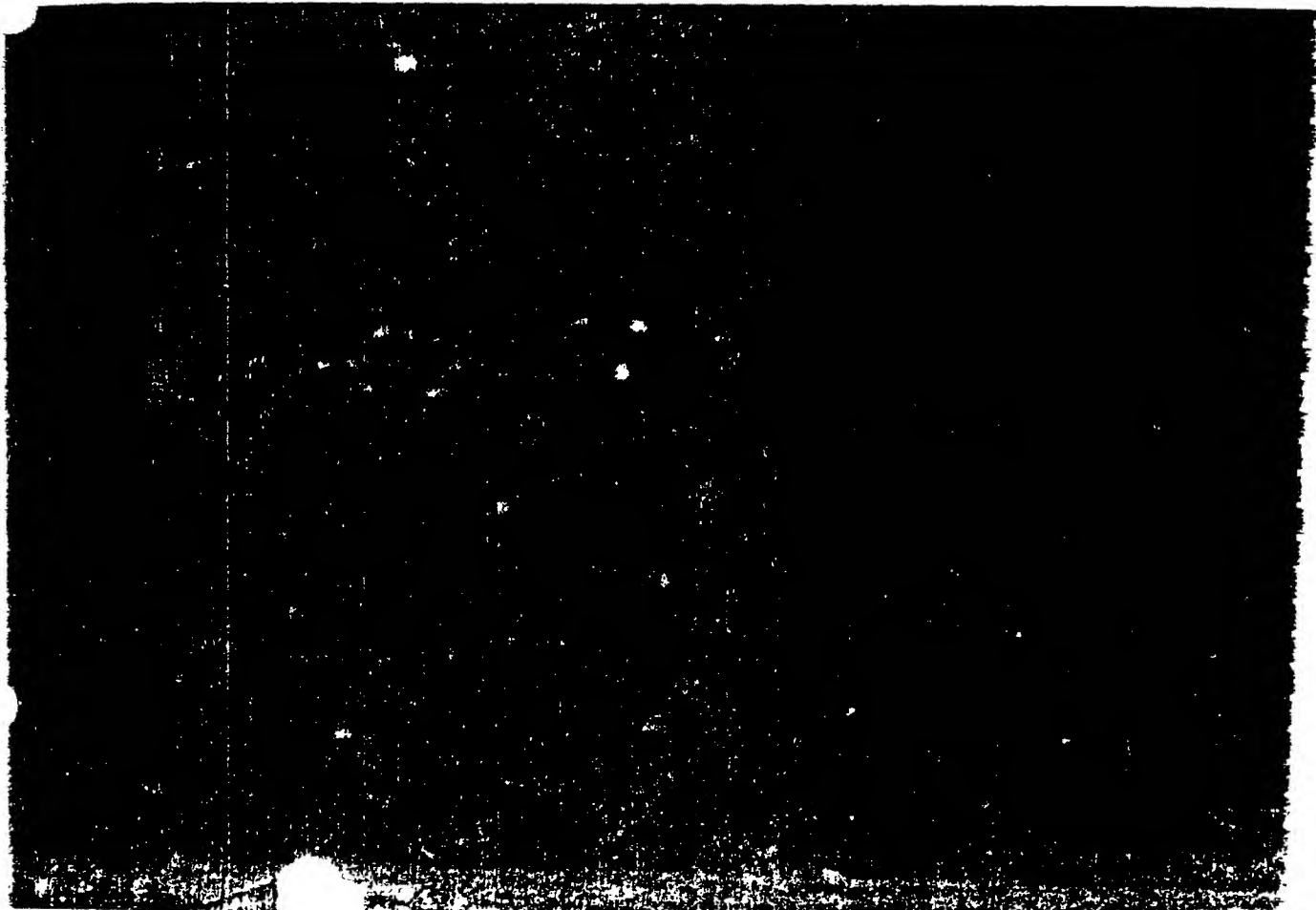
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MR. PAUL ERNST  
NATIONAL COUNCIL - BSA  
1325 WALNUT HILL LANE  
IRVING, TEXAS 75062-1296

DEAR PAUL:

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CURTIS WHITON.

ARRAIGNMENT FOR HIS TRIAL IS SET FOR 10:30 THIS MORNING. NO DOUBT, THIS WILL HIT THE PAPERS AND THE NEWS MEDIA AGAIN. FROM MY UNDERSTANDING, THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE TV STATIONS, THREE RADIO STATIONS AND FIVE NEWSPAPERS WHO REQUESTED TO ATTEND THE ARRAIGNMENT.

I PLANNED ON GOING; HOWEVER, OUR LEGAL COUNSEL SUGGESTED AT THIS POINT I SHOULD NOT. AGAIN ALL THAT I CAN DO AT THIS POINT IS TO KEEP YOU POSTED ON THE DEVELOPMENTS.

SINCERELY,

GARY LEHMAN,  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

GL/LK  
ENC.

CC: MR. FRANK COLLINS - REGIONAL OFFICE



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by the Comprehensive Educa-  
tional Training Act.

tion of sexual favors, he will be  
arraigned Aug. 31 before  
Municipal Judge James P. Horn.

education program  
help prevent them for being  
sexually abused again, he said.

## Cub leader indicted on rape counts

4-22-83

ELYRIA — Curtis W. Whiton, the former Cub Scout leader accused of raping boys belonging to his den, was indicted by the county grand jury on 18 counts of rape, eight counts of disseminating matter harmful to juveniles and one count each of attempted rape and gross sexual imposition.

Whiton, 33, of 766 Tenney Ave., Amherst, is being held in the county jail under \$150,000 bond.

Whiton was arrested Aug. 22 following an investigation into complaints from two mothers of boys in Whiton's Elyria Cub Scout den who claimed he engaged in illegal sexual conduct with their sons. The assaults to the boys, between the ages of eight and 12, reportedly occurred over a two year period.

Eight boys testified before the grand jury against Whiton.

WHITON'S cub den was part of Cub Scout Pack 157 sponsored by the Concerned Parents of Jefferson School. He was dismissed as den leader July 29.

Although the Cub pack was based in Elyria, Whiton reportedly took the boys to his Amherst home for meetings or to stay overnight before campouts and trips.

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Photo of Whiton's house—D-2

well." family doesn't get along very well. One brother said he "didn't know anything about" his brother's activities, adding that "Our mother, Ella, died in January 1982. Whiton has several brothers and sisters in the area. His appearance and always seemed always to be disheveled. One resident said Whiton another resident down the block, playing around there," said "I remember seeing kids (Whiton's) thought maybe they were his house on several occasions, but seen young boys around Whiton's THE NEIGHBOR said he had ed. members of the den were involv- point out that not all the Cub Scout den, and was quick to nal abuses involved boys in his Griffith said the alleged sex- ture and other items. projector, photographic litera- home Monday yielded a movie search of his 766 Tenny Ave. in "more than one place," and the incidents allegedly happened Elyria Police Department said Capt. Roger Griffith of the years. occurred over a period of two which he has been charged Police said the incidents for tuning (solicitation of sexual nature and one count of im- of distributing pornographic il- sexual imposition, three counts of rape, two counts of gross on \$150,000 bond for two counts



## Home of den leader

This is the Amherst home of Curtis Whiton at 766 Tenny Ave. Whiton is accused of sex offenses at the home involving boys aged 8 to 12 who were members of his Cub Scout den, Elyria and Amherst police said. He is being held in Lorain County Jail on \$150,000 bond. (C-T photo)

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# Whiton could face 70-year sentence

Rick Zarbaugh  
Criminal Bureau Chief

ELYRIA — Curtis William Whiton, the former Cub Scout leader accused of several crimes, could wind up in prison for the next 70 years without a chance at parole if convicted.

Whiton was indicted by an Elyria County grand jury Monday on 18 counts of rape, one count of attempted rape, one count of gross sexual imposition, eight counts of dissemination of harmful material to juveniles. An indictment is a formal charge that does not imply guilt or innocence.

The state maintains seven of the rape charges involving children under the age of 13 committed after July 1 when a new law requires life sentences on those seven charges. The sentencing judge has the power to order prison time without parole. On each of those charges the judge has the right to order, upon conviction, a minimum five years and maximum 10 years in prison. If the

charges are run consecutively, Whiton would be in prison for at least 70 years if convicted.

Whiton, 33, of Amherst, is scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday before Lorain County Judge Joseph Cirigliano. Cirigliano will assign the case to a judge, set the bond and schedule a pretrial hearing. Whiton is represented by attorney Charles Adams of Elyria who was privately retained after a judge in Elyria Municipal Court ruled Whiton was not entitled to a court-appointed lawyer.

There are three pleas Whiton could enter Tuesday. Although he has a right to plead guilty that plea is seldom entered at an arraignment. He can also plead innocent and innocent by reason of insanity. If he chooses to plead innocent by reason of insanity the judge assigned to the case must order psychiatric examinations to determine if Whiton can stand trial.

"In my experience of being a prosecutor no other case has affected me this way," said Jonathan Rosenbaum, the assistant county prosecutor

assigned to the case.

The charges against Whiton involve eight boys, between the ages of 8 and 12, some of whom were members of Whiton's Cub Scout troop. One charge involves a girl.

"Not all the boys were in his troop," Rosenbaum said. "Some were friends of kids in his troop."

Rosenbaum said the alleged offenses occurred in three locations, two in Elyria and one in Amherst.

"This is a good case because we have so many victims to choose from," Rosenbaum said. "I am not sure if I am willing to take a lesser plea in this case."

Rosenbaum said that the nine children would be called to testify if the case goes to trial. In sex crime cases where children are witnesses the judge usually orders the names not be published.

Amherst and Elyria police detectives put the case together after two Elyria area mothers complained to police.



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Tuesday, September 27, 1983

Chronicle-Telegram

Joe Gluvna, metro editor

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# Accused Cub leader

By ANDREW ZAJAC  
C-T Staff Writer

ELYRIA — Former Cub Scout leader Curtis Whiton this morning emerged from self-imposed solitary confinement in Lorain County Jail for arraignment on rape and other sex charges in alleged attacks on members of his den.

Whiton pleaded innocent before Common Pleas Court Judge Joseph Cirigliano, who set a pre-trial hearing for 2 p.m. Oct. 3. The case was assigned to

Judge Floyd Harris.

The 33-year-old Whiton is charged in a 28-count indictment that includes 18 counts of rape, one count each of attempted rape and gross sexual imposition and eight counts disseminating information harmful to juveniles.

Twenty-seven counts involved seven boys who police said were members of Whiton's Elyria cub den. One count of disseminating harmful material involves a girl.

Officials did not explain how Whiton came in contact with the girl.

Assistant Lorain County Prosecutor Robert Nagy said more charges against Whiton are possible.

"There are none planned, but that doesn't mean there won't be any," Nagy said.

Whiton is being held on \$75,000 bond.

Sheriff's Dept. Capt. Robert McDonald said Whiton asked for and received "protective isolation due to the climate in the

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ail" shortly after his arrest on August 23.

McDonald said he was not aware of any incident that may have prompted Whiton to make the request. But he said accused sex offenders, particularly those whose offense is against children, are subject to abuse by other prisoners.

**THE GAUNT**, bearded Whiton, clad in orange prison coveralls, kept his eyes downcast and remained expression-

less throughout the 40-minute stay in the crowded courtroom.

His arrest followed an Elyria police investigation of complaints from the mothers of two of his alleged victims.

The offenses allegedly occurred over a two-year span. Some of the incidents reportedly occurred in his home, 766 Tenny Avenue, Amherst.

Whiton's attorney, Charles Adams, of Lorain, declined to discuss his client or the case.

A scouting official said Whiton was dismissed as leader of his den July 29 after local scouting leaders learned he might be involved in sexual activity with his charges.

His alleged victims, all between eight and 12 years old, are scheduled to testify against Whiton, Nagy said.

Parents and children have cooperated in the investigation, he said, adding that some victims are receiving counseling to help them deal with their experiences.

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REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION AND  
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NATIONAL OFFICE  
1325 WALNUT HILL LANE  
IRVING, TEXAS 75062-1296

DEAR PAUL:

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET ON CURTIS WILLIAM WHITON.

AS AN UPDATE ON THE MATERIALS THAT I SENT TO YOU ON AUGUST 24, I AM ENCLOSING NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS AND STATEMENT REGARDING THE CHARGES AGAINST WHITON CONVEYED TO ME BY THE CLERK OF COURTS, A GOOD SCOUTER, WHERE WHITON WILL BE STANDING TRIAL. MR. BURNETT HAS RELATED TO ME THAT AS THE SCENARIO UNRAVELS, THERE COULD BE A POSSIBILITY OF CHARGES EXCEEDING FIFTY VARIOUS ACCOUNTS ALL RELATED TO RAPE, GROSS SEXUAL IMPOSITION, SHOWING PORNOGRAPHIC MOVIES, AND ON AND ON. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION HE SHARED WITH ME, THE INFORMATION THAT IS BEING COLLECTED AND DOCUMENTED IS IN ITSELF PORNOGRAPHIC.

AS YOU RECALL, ORIGINALLY HE WAS CHARGED WITH THE ALLEGED RAPE OF TWO BOYS, MEMBERS OF CUB SCOUT PACK 157. HOWEVER, AT HIS ARRAIGNMENT AND SUBSEQUENT APPEARANCES BEFORE THE COUNTY GRAND JURY, HE WAS CHARGED WITH EIGHTEEN COUNTS OF RAPE, EIGHT COUNTS OF DISSEMINATING MATERIAL HARMFUL TO JUVENILES AND ONE COUNT EACH OF ATTEMPTED RAPE AND GROSS SEXUAL IMPOSITION. ACCORDING TO THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, IF THIS DOES NOT SATISFY THE JURY, MORE WILL BE BROUGHT IN TO TESTIFY.

IN THE LIGHT OF THIS AND WHILE HE IS ONLY BEING ACCUSED AT THIS POINT IN TIME, I WOULD PREFER THAT HIS NAME BE PLACED IN THE CONFIDENTIAL FILE.

IF THERE ARE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ON ME.

SINCERELY,

GARY LEHMAN,  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

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CC: MR. ROBERT C. BIRKEMEIER,  
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DEAR PAUL:

SORRY THAT I DID NOT GET BACK TO YOU REGARDING THE DISPOSITION OF  
THE CASE OF CURTIS WILLIAM WHITON.

BECAUSE OF ALL THE RAMIFICATIONS, THE LORAIN COUNTY PROSECUTING  
ATTORNEY AND WHITON'S ATTORNEY PLEA BARGAINED; AND WHITON APPEARED IN  
COURT, PLED GUILTY TO EIGHT COUNTS OF RAPE AND WAS SENTENCED TO SIX TO  
NINE YEARS IN THE OHIO STATE PENITENTIARY.

WHILE ALL THE OTHER CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST HIM WERE VALID, IT  
WOULD HAVE MEANT A CHANGE IN VENUE, A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE FOR THE BOYS  
TO APPEAR ON THE WITNESS STAND, AND APPARENTLY SOME OF THE EVIDENCE  
MIGHT HAVE BEEN QUESTIONABLE.

AS I STATED BEFORE, HE IS INCARCERATED; AND IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING  
HE CANNOT BE PAROLED PRIOR TO SERVING SIX YEARS. AS FAR AS WE ARE CON-  
CERNED, THE CASE IS CLOSED; AND WE CERTAINLY HOPE THAT THE ADVERSE PUB-  
LICITY WILL SLOWLY FADE AWAY.

IF I CAN ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ON  
ME.

SINCERELY,

GARY LEHMAN,  
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CC: MR. ROBERT C. BIRKEMEIER,  
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PRIORITY SEPARATION

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Signed Gerald Schuman  
SCOUT EXECUTIVECouncil Firelands Area

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ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 24, I RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE ELYRIA CHRONICLE, AGAIN WONDERING WHAT THE PROCESS WAS RELATED TO SCREENING APPLICATIONS FOR ADULT MEMBERSHIP; AND I STATED THAT AGAIN IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION AND THEIR COMMITTEE TO APPROVE ANY AND ALL LEADERSHIP IN EITHER CUBBING, SCOUTING, OR EXPLORING. FURTHERMORE, WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL FILLED OUT AN APPLICATION HE OR SHE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO LIVE ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

AGAIN ON THE 24TH, HEADLINES WERE BOTH IN THE ELYRIA CHRONICLE AND THE LORAIN JOURNAL AND CH3.

ON AUGUST 25, I CALLED PAUL ERNST AT THE NATIONAL OFFICE AND ALSO FRANK COLLINS FOR I HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. BURNETT STATING THAT THE ACCUSATIONS WERE MORE SERIOUS THAN THEY HAD ANTICIPATED. PAUL ERNST ASKED IF I WOULD SEND MATERIAL TO THEM REGARDING THE HAPPENINGS UP TO THAT PARTICULAR TIME. I HAD ALREADY SENT THESE OUT IN THE MAIL.

ON FRIDAY THE 26TH, THERE WERE NO COMMENTS EITHER IN THE ELYRIA CHRONICLE OR LORAIN JOURNAL OR ON CH3.

FROM MY UNDERSTANDING, THE MAJORITY OF THE MEDIA WILL BE WAITING FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE ARRAIGNMENT SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 31.

ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 29, LETTERS WERE PREPARED TO BE SENT TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS INFORMING THEM IF THEY HAD NOT ALREADY HEARD ABOUT THE SITUATION THAT WE WERE FACED WITH. HOWEVER, THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, COUNCIL COMMISSIONER AND SEVERAL KEY OFFICERS HAD BEEN INFORMED ON AUGUST 23 AND 24TH.

I ALSO CONTACTED OUR AREA DIRECTOR, FRED GARDNER, RELATING TO HIM THE PROBLEM.

AT THIS POINT, THAT IS ALL THE INFORMATION THAT I CAN DOCUMENT.

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SUBJECT -- CURTIS WHITON

ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION, ON THE NIGHT OF JULY 27 SCOUTMASTER [REDACTED] TROOP 109 ADVISED VINCENT FARRELL, DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, THAT HE WANTED TO TALK TO HIM PRIVATELY. [REDACTED] ADVISED VINCE FARRELL THAT HE HAD OVERHEARD SOME OF HIS SCOUTS AT NIGHT TALKING ABOUT CURT WHITON, ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER TROOP 109 AND WEBELOS LEADER OF PACK 157. MR. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE SCOUTS WERE TALKING ABOUT CURTIS WHITON; AND ALL THAT HE DID AT HIS WEBELOS DEN MEETING WAS TO SHOW THE CUBS PORNOGRAPHIC MOVIES. AFTER A PERIOD OF TIME, [REDACTED] WENT OVER TO THE BOYS' TENT AND CONFRONTED THE SCOUTS WITH WHAT HE HAD OVERHEARD. FROM MY UNDERSTANDING, THE BOYS DID AGREE THAT THIS WAS HAPPENING.

VINCE FARRELL TALKED TO DAVE THOMAS, DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, AND IN TURN DAVE TALKED TO ME CONCERNING THIS MATTER AND STATED A PERSON HAD TO BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL IN ANY ACCUSATION THAT MIGHT BE CONSTRUED AS HEARSEY OR RUMOR. WE ALSO DISCUSSED THE DEFINITION OF PORNOGRAPHIC MOVIES.

I SUGGESTED A LETTER BE PREPARED INDICATING WHITON'S RESIGNATION FROM ALL PARTS OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA HOWEVER NOT TO INDICATE ANY WRONGDOING. VINCE FARRELL FOLLOWED THROUGH AND DID THIS; AND ON JULY 29 CONFRONTED WHITON. HE STATED THAT THERE WERE RUMORS GOING AROUND CAMP REGARDING HIS DEALING WITH THE WEBELOS SCOUTS; AND THAT THERE WERE LETTERS PREPARED FOR HIM TO SIGN HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA. WHITON DID WITH RELUCTANCE.

ON SATURDAY MORNING 7:30 SCOUTMASTER [REDACTED] SHARED THIS LETTER OF RESIGNATION WITH ONE OF THE MOTHERS WHO CAME TO PICK UP THE BOYS. APPARENTLY ON THE WAY HOME, SHE QUESTIONED HER SON REGARDING WHAT HAD BEEN STATED AT CAMP; AND APPARENTLY AT THAT TIME THE WHOLE STORY BEGAN TO UNRAVEL. APPARENTLY SHE AND ANOTHER MOTHER WENT TO THE POLICE IN ELYRIA AND STATED WHAT HER SON AND ANOTHER BOY HAD TOLD THEM. WE WERE UNAWARE THAT THERE WERE OTHER CHARGES BEING INVESTIGATED AGAINST WHITON.

ON AUGUST 23 I RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED], A SCOUTER, THAT WHITON HAD BEEN ARRESTED; AND HE RELATED THAT THE CHARGES WOULD BE RAPE, GROSS SEXUAL IMPOSITION, SHOWING PORNOGRAPHIC FILMS, AND SOLICITING. OBVIOUSLY, THE NEWS PAPERS AND CHANNEL 3 PICKED UP THE STORY; AND AT THAT TIME IT MADE HEADLINES IN THE ELYRIA CHRONICLE, LORAIN JOURNAL AND CH3 OF CLEVELAND.

ON AUGUST 23 LATE IN THE AFTERNOON I RECEIVED A CALL FROM CH3. AT THAT TIME THEY WANTED TO KNOW HOW WE SCREENED PROSPECTIVE LEADERS. I EXPLAINED TO THEM THAT IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE ANY ADULT WISHING TO REGISTER AS A MEMBER OF A PACK, TROOP OR POST. I HAD A MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 5:00 WITH OUR LEGAL COUNSEL. UPON ARRIVAL AT HIS OFFICE, THERE WAS A TELEPHONE CALL FROM CH3 THAT THEY WISHED TO DO AN INTERVIEW AND WOULD BE AT MR. KELLAM'S OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WAITED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 6:00 BEFORE LEAVING; AND AT THAT POINT NO ONE HAD SHOWN UP.

ON AUGUST 23, I CALLED THE REGIONAL OFFICE AND INFORMED FRANK COLLINS OF THE SITUATION. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT NATIONAL REGARDING THE SITUATION.

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Curtis William Whiton's

Address changed on the

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August 31, 1983

Mr. Gerald L. Lehman  
Scout Executive  
Firelands Area Council, No 458

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: CURTIS WHITON

Dear Gary:

Thank you for the material you have sent us on Curtis Whiten. This is most helpful to us and certainly will strengthen our refusal of future registration attempts.

We are enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which we would appreciate having completed so that we can better identify Mr. Whiten should he try to register. Please complete this as carefully as possible so that all information is filled in.

As this case progresses in court please keep us informed, especially of the final outcome and sentencing.

Thanks again for your careful help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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Enclosure

cc: East Central Region

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June 1, 1984

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ERIN O'RILEY.

Mr. Gerald L. Lehman  
Scout Executive  
Firelands Area Council, No. 458

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT:

Dear Gary:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: East Central

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February 1, 1984

Mr. Gerald L. Lehman  
Scout Executive  
Firelands Area Council, No. 458

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Gerry:

Thank you for the information that you have supplied in the past year concerning ~~Curtis William Whiton~~. This has been very helpful in building our files and gives us much of the information which we need.

We would still like to have the disposition of this case once this occurs. If you have any more information or material which will help to build our files, please send it to us so that I will be able to substantiate refusal of registration should this occur ten, fifteen or twenty years from now. Our attorney feels that we must have the final outcome and sentencing before he will consider the file to be complete.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Robert C. Birkemeier, Regional Director, East Central Region

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FIRELANDS AREA COUNCIL, INC.  
No. 458

VERMILION, OHIO 44089

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AUGUST 24, 1983

MR. PAUL ERNST  
NATIONAL COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
1325 WALNUT HILL LANE  
IRVING, TEXAS 75062-1296

DEAR PAUL,

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED MATERIALS RELATED TO CURTIS WHITON WHO WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PLACED ON THE CONFIDENTIAL FILE. THERE WAS MUCH MORE THAT HAD HAPPENED THAN THE INCIDENT WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY STATED IN OUR FIRST KNOWLEDGE OF A PROBLEM. (SEE NEWSPAPER CLIPPING.)

AT THIS POINT I HAVE NO IDEA WHY SOMEONE DID NOT BRING THIS TO OUR ATTENTION EARLIER, IF IN FACT THE ACCUCATIONS ARE TRUE, AND APPARENTLY THEY ARE.

I WILL KEEP YOU POSTED FOR I AM SURE THIS WILL BE AN ON-GOING STORY ONCE HE HAS BEEN BOUND OVER TO THE GRAND JURY.

SINCERELY,

FIRELANDS AREA COUNCIL, INC.  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

  
GARY LEHMAN  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

GLL/J

CC: FRANK COLLINS  
EAST CENTRAL REGION

PARTICIPATING AGENCY  OF THE UNITED APPEAL

Affiliated with Funds in Bellevue, Erie County, Greenwich, Lorain County,  
New London, North Fairfield, Norwalk, Willard

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TO: Mr. Jim Wells, Firelands Area Council, BSA

FROM: Vincent T. Farrell

SUBJECT: Curtis Whiton

With reference to your request, please find listed below the events leading up to the resignations of Mr. Curt Whiton from the Boy Scouts of America. I would like to stress that I only list those things in which I have personal knowledge:

On Wednesday, July 27th, I visited Camp Firelands in the evening; while there, I ran into Mr. [REDACTED] Scoutmaster of Troop 109 who advised me that he wished to talk to me privately when it was convenient. I advised [REDACTED] that I would be staying out at camp until Saturday morning and that I was sure that we could get together sometime soon. As it turned out, I spoke with Mr. [REDACTED] that evening.

[REDACTED] advised me that a night or two earlier while in his campsite, he overheard four of his scouts talking about things that have been taking place at the apartment of Mr. Curt Whiton, SA of T109 and WL of P157. [REDACTED] said he laid in his bunk for approximately 1 hour (the boys must have thought he was asleep) and then finally decided that this wasn't the type of thing that a Scoutmaster can ignore so he got up and went into the boys tent and questioned them about their conversation. He was advised that Curt Whiton was showing pornographic films to the Webelo Scouts in his Den (one of the scouts has a brother in Mr. Whiton's den) and that he was playing around with the boys. I advised Mr. [REDACTED] that it would be looked into and if he preferred, the district would handle it. He said that that would be fine with him.

On Thursday, July 28th, I attempted to contact our District Executive, Mr. Dave Thomas at the Council office. Dave was not available and so I left word for him to contact me at camp. As an aside: I was sleeping in the Explorer cabin at camp during this time and Thursday evening during a conversation with the staff Mr. Jon Smith mentioned in passing that there was a rumor going around camp regarding a certain adult. I let the matter drop at that time.

On Friday, the 29th, still not having heard from Mr. Thomas, Mr. Smith and I went to the council office. While traveling, I questioned Jon about his remark of the night before. The only thing that I got out of him is that it concerned T109. When we arrived at the council office, Dave had not yet arrived so I left word that he should contact me at camp.....as it turned out, Dave came in before we left and we agreed to meet at camp - I had not at this point as yet advised Dave of the problem.

Later that morning (Friday) Dave and I met at Camp and discussed Mr. Whiton. Dave said we had three courses of action: 1) do nothing, 2) District step in and resolve matter, 3) Turn over to Troop Committee and let them handle. No. 1 was unacceptable to each of us; No. 3 from what I know of T109's Committee would be a long drawn out process so the best course of action seemed to be No. 2. I agreed to type letters of resignation for Curt to sign (I knew he would be out to camp that evening to supervise the Order of the Arrow Tap-out) and confront him. Unable to find a typewrite in camp, I found it necessary to go back to the council office and use theirs.

I typed three letters, one to T109 Committee, one to P157 Committee and one to Mr. Jim Rinstidt (Lodge Advisor of Notawacy #205).

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